

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STAFF**

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**APPENDIX 1**

**Staff Credentials**

**SPIRE MISSOURI, INC., d/b/a SPIRE (WEST)**

**CASE NO. GO-2019-0357**

*Jefferson City, Missouri  
September 27, 2019*

**STAFF DIRECT REPORT  
SPIRE MISSOURI, INC.,  
d/b/a SPIRE (West)  
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STAFF CREDENTIALS**

**Lyons, Karen .....1**  
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**Educational and Employment Background and Credentials**  
**of**  
**Karen Lyons**

I am currently employed as a Utility Regulatory Auditor V for the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”). I was employed by the Commission in April 2007. Previously, I was employed by AT&T as a Regulatory Complaint Manager from December 1999 to February 2007. In that capacity I was responsible for addressing consumer and business complaints filed with various state and federal regulatory agencies. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Accounting and a Master’s in Business Administration from Park University.

As a Utility Regulatory Auditor V, I perform rate audits and prepare miscellaneous filings as ordered by the Commission. In addition, I review all exhibits and testimony on assigned issues, develop accounting adjustments and issue positions which are supported by workpapers and written and oral testimony. For cases that do not require prepared testimony, I prepare Staff Recommendation Memorandums.

Cases I have been assigned are shown in the following table:

<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>Case/Tracking Number</b>	<b>Company Name - Issue</b>
	ER-2019-0374	The Empire District Electric Company-(Electric Rate Case) Pending
	ER-2019-0335	Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Electric Rate Case)-Pending
9/26/2019 Staff Memorandum	WA-2019-0364 & SA-2019-0365	Missouri American Water Company-Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN)
9/18/2019 Staff Memorandum	WA-2019-0366 & SA-2019-0367	Missouri American Water Company-Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN)
9/13/2019 Staff Memorandum	GO-2019-0357	Spire West-Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)
9/13/2019 Staff Memorandum	GO-2019-0356	Spire East-Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)

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3/26/2019 Staff Memorandum	SA-2019-0161	United Services, Inc (CCN)
2/11/2019 Staff Memorandum	SA-2019-0183	Missouri American Water Company (CCN)
6/19/2018-Direct 7/27/2018-Rebuttal 9/4/2018-Surrebuttal and True-up Direct	ER-2018-0145	Kansas City Power & Light Company (Electric Rate Case)
6/19/2018-Direct 7/27/2018-Rebuttal 9/4/2018-Surrebuttal and True-up Direct	ER-2018-0146	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Electric Rate Case)
9/08/2017-Direct 10/17/2017-Rebuttal 11/21/2017-Surrebuttal 11/28/2017-True-Up Direct	GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216-Contested	Laclede Gas and Missouri Gas Energy (Gas Rate Case)
11/30/2016-Direct 12/30/2016-Rebuttal 1/27/2017-Surrebuttal 3/01/2017-True-Up Direct 3/10/2017-True-Up Rebuttal	ER-2016-0285-Contested	Kansas City Power & Light Company (Electric Rate Case)
7/15/2016-Direct 8/15/2016-Rebuttal 9/02/2016-Surrebuttal	ER-2016-0156-Stipulated	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Electric Rate Case)
2/09/2016-Deposition	EA-2015-0256-Contested	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Solar CCN)
12/29/2015 Staff Memorandum	WO-2016-0098	Missouri American Water Company- Infrastructure Service Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)

<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>Case/Tracking Number</b>	<b>Company Name - Issue</b>
4/02/2015-Direct 5/07/2015-Rebuttal 6/05/2015-Surrebuttal 7/15/2015-True Up Rebuttal	ER-2014-0370-Contested	Kansas City Power & Light Company (Electric Rate Case)
5/01/2014-Direct	HR-2014-0066-Stipulated	Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc. (Steam Rate Case)
1/23/2014-Direct 4/01/2014-Surrebuttal	GR-2014-0007-Stipulated	Missouri Gas Energy Company (Gas Rate Case)
4/09/2013 Staff Memorandum	GO-2013-0391	Missouri Gas Energy - Infrastructure Service Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)
2/01/13 Staff Memorandum	WM-2013-0329	Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC (Water Sale Case)
8/09/2012-Direct 9/12/12-Rebuttal 10/10/12-Surrebuttal	ER-2012-0175-Contested	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Electric Rate Case)
8/02/2012-Direct 9/05/2012-Rebuttal 10/08/2012-Surrebuttal	ER-2012-0174-Contested	Kansas City Power & Light Company (Electric Rate Case)
4/20/2012 Staff Memorandum	WM-2012-0288	Valley Woods Water Company, Inc. (Water Sale Case)
1/06/2012 Staff Memorandum	GO-2012-0144	Missouri Gas Energy - Infrastructure Service Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)
8/08/2011-Direct	HR-2011-0241-Stipulated	Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc. (Steam Rate Case)
11/17/2010-Direct 12/15/2010-Rebuttal 1/05/2011-Surrebuttal	ER-2010-0356-Contested	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Electric Rate Case)
11/10/2010-Direct 12/08/2010-Rebuttal 1/05/2011-Surrebuttal	ER-2010-0355-Contested	Kansas City Power & Light Company (Electric Rate Case)

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12/22/2011 Staff Memorandum	SA-2010-0219	Canyon Treatment Facility, LLC (Certificate Case)
6/07/2010 Staff Memorandum	WR-2010-0202	Stockton Water Company (Water Rate Case)
4/02/2010 Staff Memorandum	SR-2010-0140	Valley Woods Water Company (Water Rate Case)
4/02/2010 Staff Memorandum	WR-2010-0139	Valley Woods Water Company (Sewer Rate Case)
1/14/2010-Direct	SR-2010-0110	Lake Region Water and Sewer (Sewer Rate Case)
1/14/2010-Direct	WR-2010-0111	Lake Region Water and Sewer (Water Rate Case )
8/12/2009-Direct	GR-2009-0355-Stipulated	Missouri Gas Energy (Gas Rate Case)
2/13/2009-Direct 3/13/2009-Rebuttal 4/09/2009-Surrebuttal	ER-2009-0090-Global Settlement	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Electric Rate Case)
2/13/2009-Direct 3/13/2009-Rebuttal 4/09/2009-Surrebuttal	HR-2009-0092-Global Settlement	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (Steam Rate Case)
2/11/2009-Direct 3/11/2009-Rebuttal 4/07/2009-Surrebuttal	ER-2009-0089-Global Settlement	Kansas City Power & Light Company (Electric Rate Case)
8/01/2008	HR-2008-0300-Stipulated	Trigen Kansas City Energy Corporation (Steam Rate Case)
4/28/2008	QW-2008-0003	Spokane Highlands Water Company (Water Rate Case)
12/17/2007	GO-2008-0113	Missouri Gas Energy - Infrastructure Service Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)

**Educational and Employment Background and Credentials**

I am currently employed as a Utility Regulatory Auditor for the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”). Previously I was employed by Lauterbach, Borschow and Company, P. C. in El Paso, TX as an auditor specializing in financial institutions audits from January 2008 to November 2009. I earned a Bachelor of Accounting from New Mexico State University in December 2006 and a Master of Accounting with minor in Management, also from New Mexico State University in December 2007. I have been employed by the Commission since October 2016.

As a Utility Regulatory Auditor, I perform rate audits and prepare miscellaneous filings for consideration by the Commission. In addition, I review all exhibits and testimony on assigned issues, develop accounting adjustments and issue positions which are supported by workpapers and written testimony. For cases that do not require prepared testimony, I prepare Staff Recommendation Memorandums.

Cases in which I have participated and the scope of my contributions are listed below:

<b>Case/Tracking Number</b>	<b>Company Name- Type of Case; Issues</b>
ER-2019-0374	<b>Empire Electric</b> - pending
ER-2019-0335	<b>Ameren Missouri</b> - pending
GO-2019-0356 GO-2019-0357	<b>Spire Inc</b> Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)
WA-2019-0364 SA-2019-0365	<b>Missouri American Water Company</b> Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN)
WO-2019-0184	<b>Missouri American Water Company</b> Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) Work Order review, Reconciliation

Case/Tracking Number	Company Name- Type of Case; Issues
SA-2019-0161	<b>United Services, Inc.</b> Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Plant buildout, Direct Expenses
ER-2018-0145	<b>Kansas City Power &amp; Light and Greater Missouri Energy Company</b> Advertising, Bad Debt Expense, Revenues, Customer Advances, Customer Deposits, Customer Growth, Dues and Donations, Material and Supplies, Other Revenues, Prepayments, Forfeited Discounts annualization, Greater Missouri Energy Company EMS Run, Payroll expenses, Payroll Taxes, Employee Benefits
GR-2017-0215 GR-2017-0216	<b>Laclede Gas and Missouri Gas Energy</b> Payroll, Payroll Taxes, Employee Benefits, Non-Labor Maintenance, A&G and O&M Cost Analysis
WR-2017-0139	<b>Stockton Hills Water Company</b> Payroll, Other Expenses
ER-2016-0285	<b>Kansas City Power &amp; Light</b> EMS Run, Insurance expense, Amortization, PSC Assessment, Lease expense



**Charles T. Poston, P.E.**

**Current Position**

I am employed as a Utility Regulatory Engineer I in the Engineering Analysis Department, Commission Staff Division, of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

**Education and Prior Work Experience**

I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2006 and a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the same institution in 2008.

From May 2008 through August 2013 I was employed by Ameren Missouri as an engineer in the Safety Analysis and Reactor Engineering Departments at the Callaway Energy Center. My duties consisted of post-accident thermo-hydraulic analyses, radiation dose calculations, atmospheric dispersion estimates for radiological and chemical hazards, and root cause determinations following operational faults in mechanical and administrative systems.

From September 2013 to March 2015, I worked as a Utility Engineering Specialist II in the Safety Engineering Unit of the Missouri Public Service Commission. In that capacity I conducted comprehensive gas safety inspections and participated in incident investigations following natural gas explosions.

I have been a licensed professional engineer in the State of Missouri since January 2015.

Charles T. Poston Case History:

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Testimony</b>	<b>Issue</b>
GS-2014-0226	Laclede Gas Company	Staff Report	Staff investigation following natural gas explosion
EO-2015-0320	Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri	Staff Recommendation	SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> emission allowance trading and reporting
ER-2016-0023	Empire District Electric Company	Staff Report	Heat Rate Testing
EC-2016-0230	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Staff Report	Consumer Complaint in reference to “Smart Meter” installation
		Staff Investigation	
ER-2016-0156	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Staff Report	Variable Fuel Costs, Lake Road Allocations, Heat Rate Testing
		Rebuttal	Lake Road Allocations
		Surrebuttal	Lake Road Allocations
ER-2016-0285	Kansas City Power & Light Company	Staff Report	Variable Fuel Costs
		Rebuttal	
		True-Up Direct	
		True-Up Rebuttal	
ER-2018-0146	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Staff Report	Variable Fuel Cost Lake Road Allocations
		Rebuttal	Lake Road Allocations
		Surrebuttal	Greenwood Solar Allocation, Lake Road Allocations, Variable Fuel Costs
		True-Up Direct	
GO-2019-0115 GO-2019-0116	Spire Missouri, Inc.	Staff Recommendation Staff Direct Report	Avoided Cost Studies

## **David M. Sommerer**

### **Educational Background and Work Experience**

In May 1983, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Administration with a major in Accounting from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois. In May 1984, I received a Master of Accountancy degree from the same university. Also, in May 1984, I sat for and passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountants examination. I am currently a licensed CPA in Missouri. Upon graduation, I accepted employment with the Commission.

From 1984 to 1990 I assisted with audits and examinations of the books and records of public utilities operating within the state of Missouri. In 1988, the responsibility for conducting the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) audits of natural gas utilities was given to the Accounting Department. I assumed responsibility for planning and implementing these audits and trained available Staff on the requirements and conduct of the audits. I participated in most of the ACA audits from early 1988 to early 1990. On November 1, 1990, I transferred to the Commission's Energy Department. Until November of 1993, my duties consisted of reviews of various tariff proposals by electric and gas utilities, Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) reviews, and tariff reviews as part of a rate case. In November of 1993, I assumed my present duties of managing a newly created department called the Procurement Analysis Department. This Department was created to more fully address the emerging changes in the gas industry especially as they impacted the utilities' recovery of gas costs. My duties have included managing the Procurement Analysis staff, reviewing ACA audits and recommendations, participating in the gas integrated resource planning project, serving on the gas project team, serving on the natural gas commodity price task force, and participating in matters relating to natural gas service in the state of Missouri. In July of 2006, the Federal Issues/Policy Analysis Section was transferred to the Procurement Analysis Department. That group analyzes filings made before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). During the reorganization in August 2011, the Federal Issues/Policy Analysis Section was transferred to the Secretary/ General Counsel Division. In 2015, I assumed the responsibility for the rate design aspects of the Gas Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) process. The Gas ISRS allows for a more expedited process of including eligible pipeline replacements in rates prior to general rate cases.

**CASES WHERE TESTIMONY  
WAS FILED  
DAVID M. SOMMERER**

<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b>	<b>ISSUES</b>
Spire East	GO-2019-0115	ISRS rates
Spire West	GO-2019-0116	ISRS rates
Spire East	GO-2018-0309	ISRS rates
Spire West	GO-2018-0310	ISRS rates
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-2017-0201	ISRS rates
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2017-0202	ISRS rates
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2017-0216	Gas Inventory Carrying Cost and Service Agreements
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2017-0215	Gas Inventory Carrying Cost and Service Agreements
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2016-0333	ISRS rates
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-2016-0332	ISRS rates
Laclede Gas Company (MGE)	GO-2016-0197	ISRS rates
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2016-0196	ISRS rates
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty Utilities	GR-2014-0152	Special Contact Customers Gas Contract
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2014-0007	Gas Supply Incentive Plan Property Tax PGA Recovery

Laclede Gas Company	GR-2010-0171	Bad Debt in PGA, CAM
Atmos Energy Corporation	GR-2009-0417	Affiliated Transactions
Atmos Energy Corporation	GR-2008-0364	Affiliated Transactions
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2009-0355	PGA tariff
Laclede Gas Company	GT-2009-0026	Tariff Proposal, ACA Process
Missouri Gas Utility	GR-2008-0060	Carrying Costs
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2007-0208	Gas Supply Incentive Plan, Off-system Sales, Capacity Release
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2005-0284	Off-System Sales/GSIP
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2004-0273	Demand Charges
AmerenUE	EO-2004-0108	Transfer of Gas Services
Aquila, Inc.	EF-2003-0465	PGA Process, Deferred Gas Cost
Missouri Gas Energy	GM-2003-0238	Pipeline Discounts, Gas Supply
Laclede Gas Company	GT-2003-0117	Low-Income Program
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2002-356	Inventory, Off-System Sales
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2001-629	Inventory, Off-System Sales
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2001-387	ACA Price Stabilization
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2001-382	ACA Hedging/Capacity Release
Laclede Gas Company	GT-2001-329	Incentive Plan
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2000-394	Price Stabilization
Laclede Gas Company	GT-99-303	Incentive Plan
Laclede Gas Company	GC-99-121	Complaint PGA
Laclede Gas Company	GR-98-297	ACA Gas Cost
Laclede Gas Company	GO-98-484	Price Stabilization
Laclede Gas Company	GR-98-374	PGA Clause
Missouri Gas Energy	GC-98-335	Complaint Gas Costs
United Cities Gas Company	GO-97-410	PGA Clause
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-97-409	PGA Clause

Missouri Gas Energy	GR-96-450	ACA Gas Costs
Missouri Public Service	GA-95-216	Cost of Gas
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-94-318	Incentive Plan
Western Resources Inc.	GR-93-240	PGA tariff, Billing Adjustments
Union Electric Company	GR-93-106	ACA Gas Costs
United Cities Gas Company	GR-93-47	PGA tariff, Billing Adjustments
Laclede Gas Company	GR-92-165	PGA tariff
United Cities Gas Company	GR-91-249	PGA tariff
United Cities Gas Company	GR-90-233	PGA tariff
Associated Natural Gas Company	GR-90-152	Payroll
KPL Gas Service Company	GR-90-50	Service Line Replacement
KPL Gas Service Company	GR-90-16	ACA Gas Costs
KPL Gas Service Company	GR-89-48	ACA Gas Costs
Great River Gas Company	GM-87-65	Lease Application
Grand River Mutual Tel. Company	TR-87-25	Plant, Revenues
Empire District Electric Company	WR-86-151	Revenues
Associated Natural Gas Company	GR-86-86	Revenues, Gas Cost
Grand River Mutual Telephone	TR-85-242	Cash Working Capital
Great River Gas Company	GR-85-136	Payroll, Working Capital
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-85-16	Payroll

## **Educational and Employment Background and Credentials**

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GO-2019-0356 GO-2019-0357	Spire –East and Spire – West	Overhead Costs in Rate Base, Reconciliation.	
WA-2019-0366 SA-2019-0367	Missouri American Water Company	Sale of Assets, Rate Base.	
WA-2019-0364 SA-2019-0365	Missouri American Water Company	Sale of Assets, Rate Base.	
WO-2019-0184	Missouri American Water Company	ISRS Rate Base.	
SA-2019-0161	United Services Inc.	Application for Certificate, Rate Base.	
ER-2018-0145 ER-2018-0146	Kansas City Power & Light & KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations	Fuel Prices & Inventories, Purchased Power Expense, Pensions, OPEBs, SERP, Outside Services	

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WM-2018-0104	Missouri American Water Company	Rate Base	
WM-2018-0023	Liberty Utilities	Sale of Assets, Rate Base	
WR-2017-0343	Gascony Water Company	Rate Base	Yes
GR-2017-0215 GR-2017-0216	Laclede Gas Company & Missouri Gas Energy	Pensions, OPEBs, SERP, Incentive Compensation, Equity Compensation, Severance Costs	Yes
WR-2017-0139	Stockton Hills Water Company	Revenue, Expenses, Rate Base	
ER-2016-0285	Kansas City Power & Light	Forfeited Discounts, Bad Debt Expense, Customer Growth, Cash Working Capital, Payroll and Payroll Related Costs, Incentive Compensation, Rate Case Expense, Renewable Energy Standards Cost Recovery, Property Taxes	Yes
SR-2016-0202	Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company	Rate Base.	
ER-2016-0156	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations	Payroll, Payroll Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Incentive Compensation, Injuries and Damages, Insurance Expense, Property Tax Expense, Rate Case Expense.	
SR-2016-0112	Cannon Home Association	Revenues and Expenses, Rate Base.	
WR-2016-0109 SR-2016-0110	Roy-L Utilities	Revenues and Expenses, Rate Base.	
WO-2016-0098	Missouri American Water Company	ISRS Revenues.	



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WR-2015-0246	Raytown Water Company	Revenues and Expenses, Rate Base.	
SC-2015-0152	Central Rivers Wastewater Utility	Verification of amounts identified in Complaint.	
WR-2015-0104	Spokane Highlands Water Company	Revenues and Expenses, Rate Base.	
GR-2015-0026	Laclede Gas Company	Plant Additions and Retirements, Contributions in Aid of Construction.	
GR-2015-0025	Missouri Gas Energy	Plant Additions and Retirements, Contributions in Aid of Construction.	
WR-2015-0020	Gascony Water Company	Revenues and Expenses, Rate Base.	
SM-2015-0014	Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company	Sale of Assets, Rate Base, Acquisition Premium.	
ER-2014-0370	Kansas City Power & Light	Injuries & Damages, Insurance, Payroll, Payroll Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Property Taxes, Rate Case Expense.	Yes
SR-2014-0247	Central Rivers Wastewater Utility	Revenues and Expenses, Rate Base, Affiliated Transactions.	
HR-2014-0066	Veolia Energy Kansas City	Payroll, Payroll Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Bonus Compensation, Property Taxes, Insurance Expense, Injuries & Damages Expense, Outside Services, Rate Case Expense.	
GO-2014-0179	Missouri Gas Energy	Plant Additions, Contributions in Aid of Construction.	

<b>Case/Tracking Number</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Scope of Issues</b>	<b>Evidentiary Hearing</b>
GR-2014-0007	Missouri Gas Energy	Advertising & Promotional Items, Dues and Donations, Lobbying Expense, Miscellaneous Expenses, PSC Assessment, Plant in Service, Depreciation Expense, Depreciation Reserve, Prepayments, Materials & Supplies, Customer Advances, Customer Deposits, Interest on Customer Deposits.	
SA-2014-0005	Central Rivers Wastewater Utility	Application for Certificate, Revenue and Expenses, Plant in Service, Depreciation Reserve. Other Rate Base Items.	